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SUBJECT: DISASTER SITUATION: FORMAL GOH REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE
IN ENERGY CRISIS

REF: PORT AU PRINCE 1005 AND PREVIOUS

1. FOLLOWING UP MARCH 21 CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR,
MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO HENRI BAYARD SENT LETTER MARCH 22
TRANSMITTING OFFICIAL GOH REQUEST FOR PLACING AT THE DISPOSAL
OF ELECTRICITE D'HAITI GENERATORS CORRESPONDING TO THE SPECI-
FICATIONS TO BE FURNISHED TO THE EMBASSY IN ORDER TO SUPPLY THE
GRID SERVING THE PRIORITY SECTORS OF PORT AU PRINCE. BAYARD
REQUESTED AMBASSADOR'S INTERVENTION WITH COMPETENT USG
AGENCIES WHICH MIGHT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE THIS EQUIPMENT ON
URGENT BASIS. IN JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST, BAYARD STATED
THAT DESPITE ALL EFFORTS TO PROCURE NEW GENERATORS, GOH
COULD NOT CLOSE THE GAP BETWEEN AVAILABLE POWER AND THE
PELIGRE HYDROELECTRIC PLANT WHICH HAS BEEN PROVOKED BY
AN UNPRECEDENTED DROUGHT COINCIDING WITH AN INTENSIFIED
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DEMAND FOR POWER IN THE METROPOLITAN AREA THE RESULT,
BAYARD SAID, HAS BEEN A RATIONING OF CURRENT SUCH THAT
THE ELECTRIC COMPANY SERVICES TO ITS CLIENTS HAVE REACHED
THEIR MOST EXTREME LIMITS.IT COULD NOT BE PREDICTED HOW LONG
PRESENT CLIMATIC CONDITIONS WOULD PREVAIL, AND HOPES FOR
AUGMENTING AVAILABLE ELECTRIC POWER MUST BE DEFERRED FOR A
PERIOD OF SEVERAL MONTHS UNTIL THE 20 MW INSTALLATION AT

CHANCERELLES COULD BE COMPLETED.

2. COMMENT. BAYARD UNDERSTANDS THAT DEGREE TO WHICH WE CAN PROVIDE ASSISTANCE WILL BE DETERMINED BY ASSESSMENT OF OFDA-SPONSORED ENGINEERS AND THAT GOH WILL REIMBURSE FOR ANY TRANSPORTATION AND TDY EXPENSES SHOULD MOBILE GENERATORS BE PROVIDED.

3. IN RELATED DEVELOPMENT, CANADIAN CHARGE (GRONDIN) INFORMED AMBASSADOR MARCH 22 THAT GOH AMBASSADOR IN OTTAWA (CANTAVE) HAD JUST PRESENTED OFFICIAL REQUEST FOR CANADIAN GRANT ASSISTANCE, I.E. 25 MW GENERATING CAPACITY TOGETHER WITH UNLIMITED LINE OF CREDIT FOR OPERATIONS. CHARGE INFORMED CANADIAN DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF LATIN AMERICAN DIVISION (FRASER) BY TELEPHONE THAT WE HAD AGREED AT THIS END TO COORDINATE OUR EFFORTS. FRASER WARMLY ENDORSEED THIS PROCEDURE AND NOTED THAT CIDA WOULD BE MEETING ON EMERGENCY BASIS TO CONSIDER GOH REQUEST AND WAS DISPOSED TO RESPOND POSITIVELY, DRAWING ON \$30 - 40 MILLION EMERGENCY AID FUND.

4. CANADIAN CHARGE AND AMBASSADOR FOUND THEMSELVES IN AGREEMENT THAT IF THEY AND OTHER INTERESTED INTERNATIONAL DONORS WERE NOW TO CONSIDER LONG-RANGE REFORESTATION/ SOIL CONSERVATION/WATER MANAGMENT ASSISTANCE, A CONDITION PRECEDENT SHOULD BE GOH COMMITMENT TO FORMULATE A COHERENT LONG-RANGE POLICY FOR PROTECTION OF PELIGRE WATERSHED AND PLATEAU CENTRALE BASIN, TOGETHER WITH ESTABLISHMENT OF UNIFIED AND EFFECTIVE MANAGERIAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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